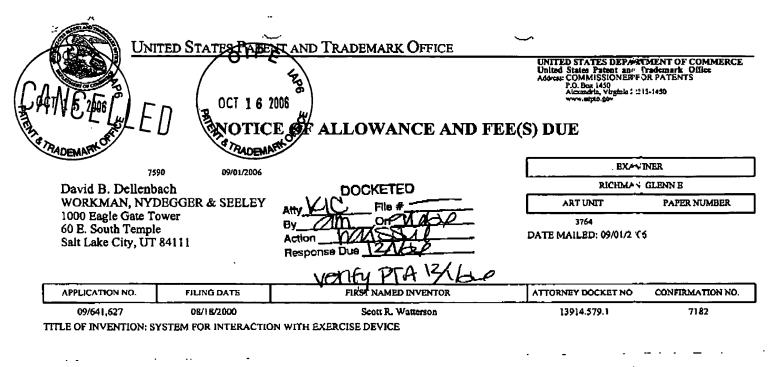


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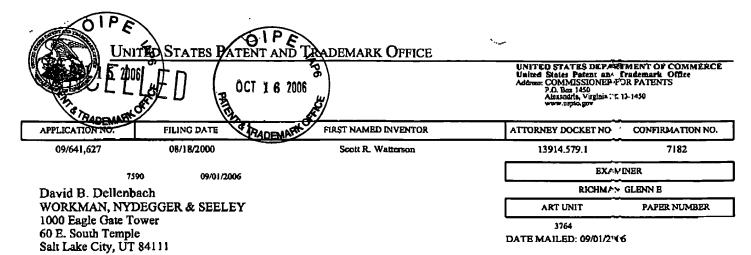
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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

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The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 961 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 961 day(s).

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